

Muskingum County Job and Family Services

OWF Good Cause Extension Criteria

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ORC 5107.18 provides that an assistance group that has ceased to participate in OWF due to the 36 month state time limit for at least 24 months may be eligible for OWF cash assistance, if the assistance group is determined to have "good cause" to reapply. Good cause may not be approved for more than 24 months.

Once an assistance group is determined to be eligible under ORC 5107.18, no additional determination of good cause is required for the assistance group to remain eligible for OWF. If, however, the assistance group loses OWF eligibility after determined eligible, a new application for OWF assistance would be subject to the good cause determination.

The Muskingum County JFS has adopted the following criteria for determining whether an assistance group may qualify for a good cause extension under ORC 5107.18.

- 0501** Applicant has a current documented extraordinary circumstance which MCJFS determines to be good cause for participating in OWF beyond the 36 month limit. Approval of this good cause extension is at the discretion of the MCJFS Director or his designee.
- 1802** Client relocated to Muskingum County from another Ohio County, which had approved the client for good cause as determined by that county's good cause extension policy.
- 9001** Inter-county Transfer.